



# Housing assistance in Victoria

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Australians having difficulty meeting costs of housing can be supported by housing assistance programs, including social housing and financial assistance.

## Social housing programs

Social housing provides eligible households with rents set below market rates (based on a percentage of a tenant's income). Forms of social housing include:

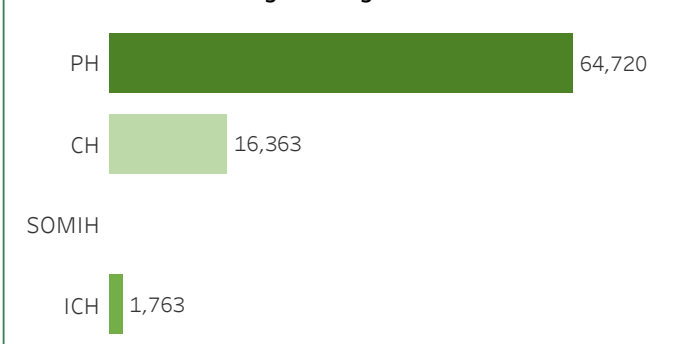
- public housing (PH)
- state owned & managed Indigenous housing (SOMIH)
- community housing (CH)
- Indigenous community housing (ICH).

## Quick facts – Vic

In 2023 there were:

- **82,846** social housing dwellings
  - housing **77,268** households
  - with **146,981** occupants throughout 2022–23.
- In 2023, most (**57,766**) social housing dwellings met the size requirements for the household composition. There were **11,198** dwellings that were considered to be underutilised and **2,882** dwellings that were considered to be overcrowded.

Number of social housing dwellings 2023



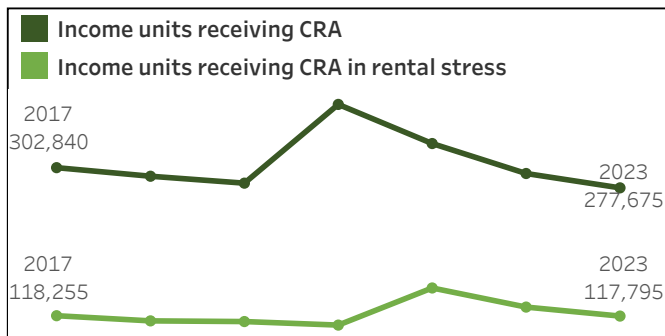
## Newly allocated households

In 2022–23, there were 5,488 households newly allocated social housing including, 2,835 households allocated public housing, 2,653 to community housing and 0 to state owned and managed Indigenous housing.

## Financial assistance programs

Governments provide various forms of financial support to assist people on lower incomes to meet housing costs.

At June 2023, 277,675 income units were receiving Commonwealth Rent Assistance in Victoria, a decrease from 2022. Of these income units 117,795 were in rental stress, a decrease from 2022.



Note: CRA data are from the last Friday in the financial year.

## Supply of social housing

There has been a decline in the proportion of social housing households in Victoria since 2014, from 3.5% of all households to 2.8% in 2023.

In 2022–23, 7,011 households in Victoria received Private Rent Assistance and 131 households received Home Purchase Assistance.

